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Sir:

In accordance Applicant's duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 3,828,622
German Patent No. 17 52 432
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U.S. Patent No. 4,550,626
U.S. Patent No. 3,585,875
U.S. Patent No. 4,130,024
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A listing on Form PCT/SB/08A is enclosed along with a copy of the non-U.S. documents.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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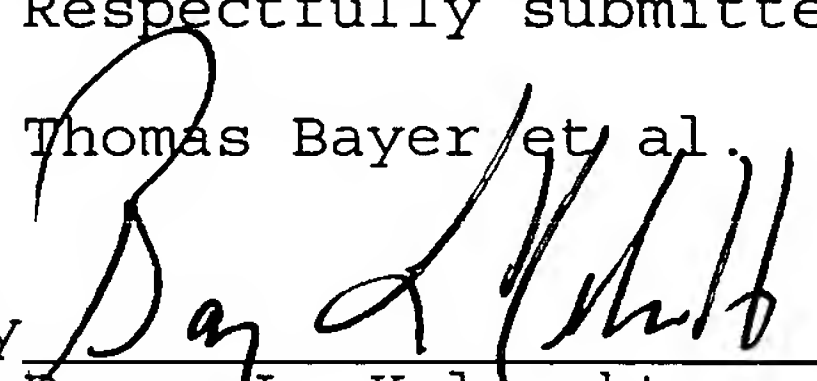
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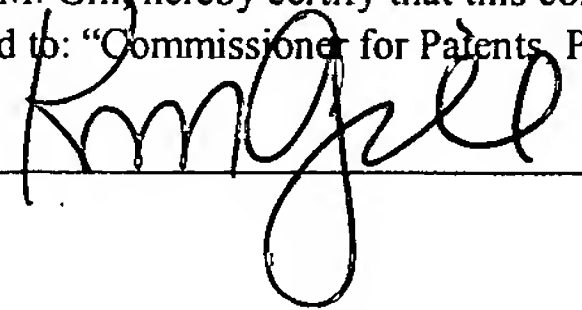
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